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1. PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW'S (JUNE 25) PEOPLE'S MILITIA PARADE CONTINUING AT STEADY PACE. FIRST GROUPS OF MILITIA, IN NEW UNIFORMS AND WITH APPARENTLY NEW WEAPONS, BEGAN ARRIVING IN ADDIS ABABA YESTERDAY FROM NEABY TRAINING CENTER. MILITIA OVERNIGHTED AT TWO STAGING AREAS SET UP LAST WEEK IN SOUTHWEST AND CENTER OF CITY. CITY FESTOONED WITH NATIONAL FLAGS, LARGE REVOLUTIONARY POSTERS DEPICTING MARTIAL THEMESE WITH SLOGANS, FEW PICTURES OF UNCLE SAM STRANGLING HAPLESS AFRICANS, AND THREE ENORMOUS POSTERS OF MARX, LENIN AND ENGELS AT REVOLUTION SQUARE, WELL-LIT THROUGHOUT NIGHT.

2. WHILE NO OFFICIAL PROGRAM YET ANNOUNCED, AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN TOLD CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT SOUTH-WEST STAGING AREA (NEAR LIDETTA AIRFIELD) AT 6:00 A.M.,
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WITH MILITIA THEN MARCHING TO REVOLUTION SQUARE (APPROX. 3 KMS.). AMBASSADOR BELIEVES PARADE LIKELY TO TAKE AT LEAST 6-7 HOURS. IT ALSO GROWING PERCEPTION ADDIS RESIDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO LINE STREETS ALONG PARADE ROUTE RATHER THAN FILL SQUARE. VISITNG FOREIGN JOURNALISTS RECEIVING KID-GLOVE TREATMENT FROM ETHIOPIAN GOVT. CITY CALM NIGHT, JUNE 23, EXCEPT FOR SEVERAL

AS YET UNIDENTIFIED EXPLOSIONS EARLY THIS MORNING.
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